



# A P R O C L A M A T I O N

*Discharging the Importing, Vending, Dispersing, or Keeping Seditious Books and Pamphlets.*

**J**AMES by the Grace of G. D. D., King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith. To our Privy Council, Messengers at Arms, our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, Greeting: Forasmuch as we being informed, that there are many Impious and Scandalous Books and Pamphlets printed in Holland, and elsewhere, Inciting our Subjects to Murder and Assassination, as well as Rebellion, to the great reproach of the Christian Religion, and the ruine of all humane Society; in which also our Government, and the Actions of our Royal Predecessors, and our own, are represented as Cruel, Barbarous, and Tyrannical, and all such as have served and obeyed us, are casted at as Enemies to G. D. D. and their Native Country: Notwithstanding of the great Care we have always taken to Tollerate all different Perswasions, and the Clemency we have shown in pardoning the greatest Criminals; which Books are brought home into this Kingdom, and Vended, and Spread here; and we being most desirous, on this, as on all other Occasions, to prevent any of our Subjects being brought into a Snare, we have thought fit hereby to Intimate, and make known, that if any of our Subjects shall hereafter bring home, Vend or Sell, Disperse or Lend any of the Books underwritten, viz. All Translations of Buchanan de Jure Regni, Lex Rex, Jus Populi, Nephtali, The Cup of cold Water, The Scots Mist, The Apologetical Relation, Mene Techel, The Hynd let loose, The reasonable Proclamations issued out at Sanguhar, and these issued out by the late Duke of Monmouth, and the late Earl of Argile, or any other Books that are, or shall be hereafter written or Printed defending these Treasonable and Seditious Principles, they shall be liable as if they were Authors of the saids Books; and all other our Subjects are hereby Comanded to bring in any of the saids Books they have, and deliver them in to any Privy Counsellor, Sheriff, Baillie of Regality, or Baillaries, or their Deputs, or any Magistrates of Burrows, to be transmitted by them to the Clerks of our Privy Council, to the end the same may be destroyed, with Certification, that whorver (except Privy Counsellors) shall be found to have any of the saids Books, and not to have delivered them up, shall be Fyned, for our Use, in such a Penalty, as our Council shall appoint, for each of the saids Books, that he or they have not delivered up. And appoints the saids Books and Pamphlets to be brought in betwixt and the Dyets following, viz. these in the Town of Edinburgh, and Suburbs thereof, betwixt and the first Tuesday of September next to come, and all others within this Kingdom, betwixt and the first Tuesday of November next to come. And to the end our Royal Pleasure in the Premises may be made publick and known, our will is, and we Charge you strictly and Command, that incontinent, these our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-Cross of Edinburgh, and whole remanent Mercat-Crosses of the Head-Burghs of the Shires of this Kingdom, and other places needful, and there in our Name and Authority, make Publication of our Royal Pleasure in the Premises. And recommends to the Most Reverend the Arch-Bishops, and Right Reverend Bishops, to cause read this our Royal Proclamation, in all the Pulpits of this Kingdom, upon some convenient Lords Day, in the Forenoon, immediately after Divine Service, that none pretend Ignorance.

Given under our Signet at *Edinburgh* the Fifteenth day of *August*, One thousand six hundred eighty eight Years. And of our Reign the Fourth Year.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

*Per Actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.*  
WILL. PATERSON, *cls. Sti. Concilii.*